

FOOTBALL



PCM senior Griffin Olson (21) scores one of his two touchdowns against Sigourney/Keota on Aug. 25. The Class 2A No. 5 Mustangs trailed 15-0 but rallied for a 22-15 home win. Photo by Jamie Steenhoek

Mustangs rally past Sigourney/Keota in season opener

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MONROE — Trailing 15-0 late in the second quarter, PCM's football team rallied past Sigourney/Keota on Aug. 25.

The Class 2A No. 5 Mustangs, who did not allow an offensive touchdown in the game, outscored the Cobras 15-0 in the second half and opened their season with a 22-15 victory.

Sigourney/Keota started the scoring with a safety and then Issac Bruns returned the ensuing kickoff 86 yards for the touchdown. The Cobras, who are expected to be one of the better teams in 1A this fall, recovered a fumble in the end zone in the second to go up 15-0.

PCM (1-0) got on the board late in the second when Gavin Van Gorp connected with Griffin Olson on a 23-yard touchdown.

The Mustang duo hooked up again late in the third on another 23-yard TD and Van Gorp found Jacob Wendt for the 2-point conversion to tie the game.

Adrien Robbins pushed the home team in front for the first time early in the fourth

following a 22-yard touchdown run, and the Mustangs held on to win.

Robbins finished with 91 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries and tallied five tackles on defense.

Olson hauled in four catches for 59 yards and two scores and led the defense with five tackles, two interceptions and one fumble recovery.

Van Gorp threw for 59 yards and two scores and rushed for 25 yards on eight carries.

Evan Jones rushed for 45 yards on eight carries in his varsity debut. The Mustangs totaled 163 yards on the ground in the win.

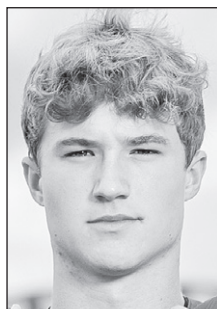
Sigourney/Keota (0-1) ran for 185 yards, but the Cobras turned the ball over four times. They lost two fumbles and Sawyer Stout threw two picks.

Finn Wilson had a team-best eight tackles, Gavin DeRaad collected 5.5 tackles and Brevin DeRaad and Trenner Van Dyke each registered four tackles.

Justin Johnston added 3.5 tackles, Allias Nolin, Kaden Clark and Jack Jungling all had three tackles. Nolin tallied two tackles for loss and Riley Graber recovered a fumble.



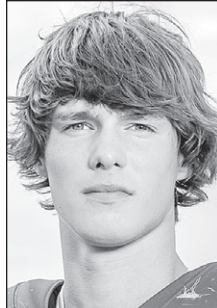
Van Gorp



Jones



Van Dyke



Wilson



PCM junior Adrien Robbins had five tackles in the Mustangs' 22-15 win over Sigourney/Keota on Aug. 25. PCM trailed 15-0 in the second quarter, but Robbins' 22-yard touchdown run in the fourth pushed the Mustangs in front for good. Photo by Jamie Steenhoek

VOLLEYBALL

PCM downs L-S, Twin Cedars at Hawks' quadrangular

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SULLY — After winning just seven matches in each of the past two seasons, the Newton volleyball team is 6-0 for the first time since at least 2007-08.

Newton head coach Heidi Woollums knows the programs they defeated to get to 6-0 are mostly smaller schools but learning how to win is important as the Cardinals look to turn the corner this fall.

"The girls need this. To get that feeling of winning and to be able to pull through matches that were tight is important," Woollums said. "It wasn't always easy tonight. We had to work for some of the sets, and it's a good feeling and a relief to come away 6-0."

Three Jasper County programs faced off in the Lynnville-Sully volleyball tournament on August 24, and Newton swept a quadrangular for the second time this season.

The Cardinals downed the host Hawks 21-13, 12-21, 15-9, defeated PCM 21-7, 21-14 and swept Twin Cedars 21-10, 21-12.

The Mustangs were 2-1 in their three matches as they hammered Twin Cedars 21-6, 21-11 to open their night and edged Lynnville-Sully 23-21, 25-23 to end it.

The Hawks' lone win came against the Sabers. They won that matchup 21-8, 21-19.

All three area programs are working their way through consistency issues during the early stages of the season.

The Cardinals were up and down against Lynnville-Sully but had little trouble with PCM and Twin Cedars.

The Hawks pushed Newton to three sets and dominated Twin Cedars for one game but struggled in the other and didn't quite have enough in the loss to PCM.

PCM's inconsistencies came in the blowout loss to Newton. But the Mustangs were solid the rest of the night.

"We just didn't pass the ball well against Newton and made too many unforced errors," PCM head volleyball coach Sarah De Vries said. "Our serve receive was really good at the start of the week but we struggled today."

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PCM senior Eliana Buswell (1) passes the ball to a teammate at the net during the Mustangs' win over Saydel at the Newton Cardinal Early Bird invitational on Aug. 22. Photo by Troy Hyde/PCM Explorer



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